

A

# REVIEW

OF THE

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# BRITISH NATION.

Tuesday, November 9. 1708.

*The Complaint of the Præbendary of Ross, &c. against Macra and others, as it broke off in our Last, Continues thus.*

**T**HE Rabble, now greatly increas'd, press'd upon them, beat them severely, and forcing their Way, as they could to get hold of Mr. Stuart the Minister, and then some of them coming up to him, took him by the Breast with Threats and Arms in their Hands, till he was rescued by some of his own Hearers; and others of the Rabble seiz'd him by the Cloak, and drew him so hard, that he was in Hazard to be choak'd, till he was forced to slip the Cloak to get away in the Throng; but he was not gone many Paces, when the Rabble again pursued and over-

took him, aiming many Strokes at him, which if not receiv'd by some of his Hearers about him, had beat him down; so that the Minister finding himself like to faint, through the Violence he had suffer'd, pray'd some Gentlemen his Friends to carry him off any way, which was done. Mean while the People, who came to the Worship being exhorted by the Minister, and strictly commanded by the said Sir Robert Murray to forbear all Violence towards him or them, but with Staves, others with Stones, and others bruised and wounded to the Effusion of their Blood, as particularly John Ross and

Wester.

*Wester Fowlis*, sorely wounded with a Stone in the Forehead, the young Laird of *Fowlis* hurt with a Stone in the Arm, and the Minister himself got many Stroak. Nor did the Ladies and Gentlewomen escape their Fury, particularly the young Lady *Cullodin*, Mrs. *Christin Munro*, Mrs. *Anna Munro*, and Mrs. *Margaret Munro*, Sisters German to the said Sir *Robert Munro*, Mrs. *Lucia Dumbarr*, Daughter to the Deceas'd Laird of *Burgie*, Mrs. *Kathrine Munro* Spouse to *Leimlaire*, *Kathrine Munro* Spouse to *William Munro* in *Fowlis*, All either wounded, bruised or misused with Mire and Dirt; and such was the Barbarity of the Women-Rabblers, that they were heard to cry, that all the Women that came to the Worship should be ravished, and the Men-Rabblers lie with them. And farther, these Rabblers cry'd out loudly and frequently, King *Willie* is now dead, and that their King was alive, but that *K. Willie* was dead. Nor was this Rabble only of these of the Town and Paroch of *Dingwall*, but the Convocation and Convention was from several other Paroches, as the Paroch of *Orghuairt* and *Loggie Wester*, and the Paroch of *Forstertie*, so that there were several Hundreds therein engaged. And that so much the more remarkable, that until within this short time all the vacant Churches thereabout did submit quietly to the Presbytery and Divine Ordinances. And even the People of *Dingwall*, tho' under an Episcopal Incumbent, yet *Kenneth Mackenzie* present Bailly, and *John Dingwall* late Bailly there, desir'd the said Mr. *Stuart* to preach to them, signifying, they would send and invite him, if he might be prevail'd with, which plainly enough intimates, that this extraordinary Tumult hath been rais'd both by Instigation and upon Design; And therefore to be the more strictly noticed. Like as the Lords of our Privy-Council, after Information receiv'd, did order the Prosecution thereof. But in Respect of the Distance of the Place and the Season, favourably appointed the forenamed Persons Ring-leaders ought to be first call'd and conven'd with all Diligence, but the rest remitted to a longer Day. By all which it is evident, that the forenamed Persons, viz. *Barbara Bayne*,

*Margaret Kemp*, *Janet and Isabel Dingwall*, *Murdoch Mackenzie vick urchie*, *John Macra vick alister*, *Hugh Macra*, *Kenneth Macra*, . . . . *Macra* Son to *Christopher Macra*, and *Murdoch Mac Gillicallan* are all Guilty arte and Parte of a most atrocious Riddle, Riot and Tumult, and of most gross Irreprobations of the Lord's Day, and most violent Disturbance of the People conven'd in Worship both in Kirk and Kirk-Yard, and of the Transgression of the Laws above-mention'd; all which or any Part thereof being proven before the Lords of our Privy-Council, they ought to be not only decerned in the Sum of five Thousand Marks of Damages, but also severely punished by the Pains of Law in their Persons and Goods, to the Example and Terror of others to commit the like in time coming. Our Will is herefor, and we charge you strictly, and command, That incontinent this our Letters seen ye pass, and in our Name and Authority command and charge the said *John Macra vick alister*, *Hugh Macra*, *Kenneth Macra*, and . . . *Macra*, Son to *Christopher Macra*, all living in *Kintail*, by open Proclamation at the Mercat Cross of the Head Burgh of the next Shire in the Low-Lands, in Respect there is not tutus accessus conform to the Act of Parliament. And the said *Barbara Bayne*, *Margaret Kemp*, *Janet and Isabel Dingwall*, *Murdoch Mackenzie vick urchie*, and *Murdoch Mac Gillicallan*, personally as they can be apprehended, and failing thereat their Dwelling-Houses, and by open Proclamation at the Mercat Crosses of the Head Burghs of the Shires where they dwell, and that ye deliver to them personally, or affix and leave at the Places foresaid full Doubles of this our Letters, to compare personally before the Lords of our Privy-Council at *Edinburgh*, or where it shall happen them to be for the Time, the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of *April* next to come, to answer to the foresaid Complaint, and to hear and see such Order and Course taken thereanent, as the Lords of our Privy-Council shall think fit, under the Pain of Rebellion, and putting of them to our Horn, with Certification to them if they failzie, Our other Letters shall be direct against them for putting them thereto simpliciter, and also that ye command and charge



charge the Witnesses underwritten, to compare personally the said Day and Place to bear laile and soothfast, Witnessing in so far as they know, or it shall be spired at them in the said Matter, under the Pain of Rebellion, and putting of them to our Horn, with Certification in Manner foresaid, according to Justice, as ye will answer to us thereupon, the which to do, we commit to you Conjunctly and Severally our full Power by our Letters, delivering by you duly execute and indors'd again to the Bearer. Given under our Signett at Edinburgh, the 28th Day of March, and of our Reign the third Year, 1704.

*Ex Deliberatione Dominorum Secreti Consilii.*

*Sic Subscribitur,*

Gillb. Eliot, *Clk. Sti. Consilii.*

Edinburgh, 23 April 1704.

THE within Libel at the Instance of John Blair Agent to the Kirk, against John Macra, *Wick alistar oig*, Hugh Macra, Kenneib Macra, ... Macra Son to Christopher Macra, All in the Paroch of Kintail, Murdoch Macgillichalm in Aberdeen, Barbara Bayne Spouse to George Mackenzie late Bailly in Dingwall, Margaree Kemp Spouse to John Dingwall late Bailly there, Isabel Dingwall Spouse to Colline Mackeson Town-Treasurer there, James and Isabel Dingwalls, Daughters to the Deceas'd Donald Dingwall sometime Bailly there, and Murdoch Mackenzie *vic urbis* Nephew to Donald Dingwall Sheriff-Officer, being call'd, and the Pursuer comparing personally at the Bar, with Sir James Stuart her Majesty's Advocate, and Sir David Dalrymple her Majesty's Solicitor, and the Defenders being absent, oft times called and not comparing, the Lords of her Majesty's Privy-Council, in Respect of the said Defenders, their Absence and not Comparance as said is, have

granted Certification against them, and for that Effect, ordains Letters of Denunciation to be direct to Macers or Messengers at Arms, commanding them to pass to the Mercat Cross of . . . . And there in her Majesty's Name and Authority duly, lawfully and orderly denounce the baille forenamed Persons Defenders absent and not comparing as said is, her Majesty's Rebels, and put them to her Highness Horn, and ordain all their moveable Goods and Gear to be escheat and inbrought to her Majesty's Use for their Contempt and Disobedience; and superseeds Extract of the said Declaration of Certification, till the first Tuesday of June next to come.

*Sic Subscribitur,*

Seafeld. Cancellar.

J. P. D.

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